

# Aligned neutron-proton pairs in $N=Z$ nuclei

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Motivation

Shell-model analysis

A model with high-spin bosons

Experimental tests

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# Spin-aligned $T=0$ np pairs

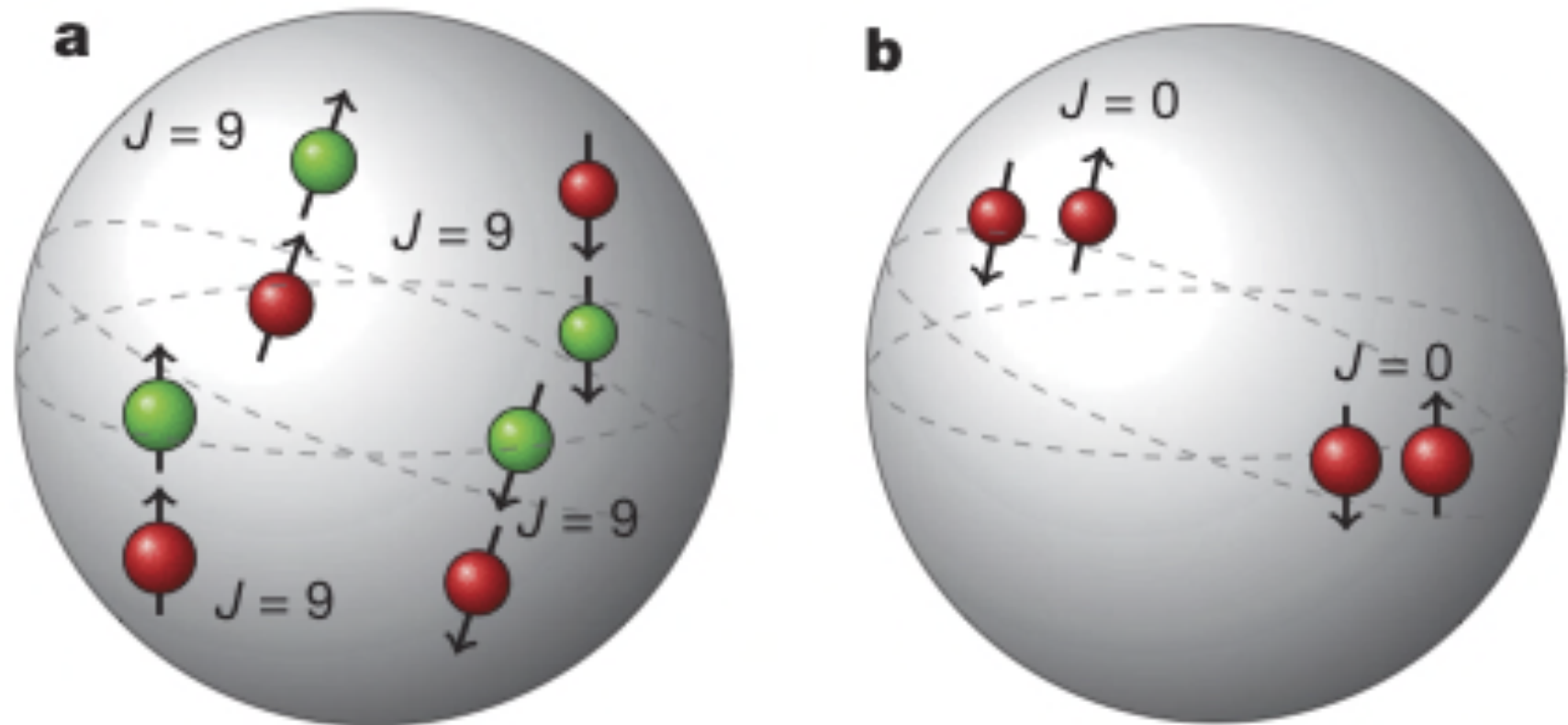
Motivation: A simple description of  $N=Z$  nuclei in the  $1g_{9/2}$  shell ( $^{98}\text{In}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{94}\text{Ag}$ ,  $^{92}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Rh}$ ).

Starting point: Shell-model interpretation in terms of spin-aligned  $T=0$  np pairs (Blomqvist).

Experiments have been proposed and carried out at GANIL (Cederwall, de France, Wadsworth...).

What about  $N=Z$  nuclei in the  $1f_{7/2}$  shell ( $^{42}\text{Sc}$ ,  $^{44}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{46}\text{V}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{50}\text{Mn}$ ,  $^{52}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{54}\text{Co}$ )?

# Nuclear belly dancer



B. Cederwall *et al.*, Nature 469 (2011) 68

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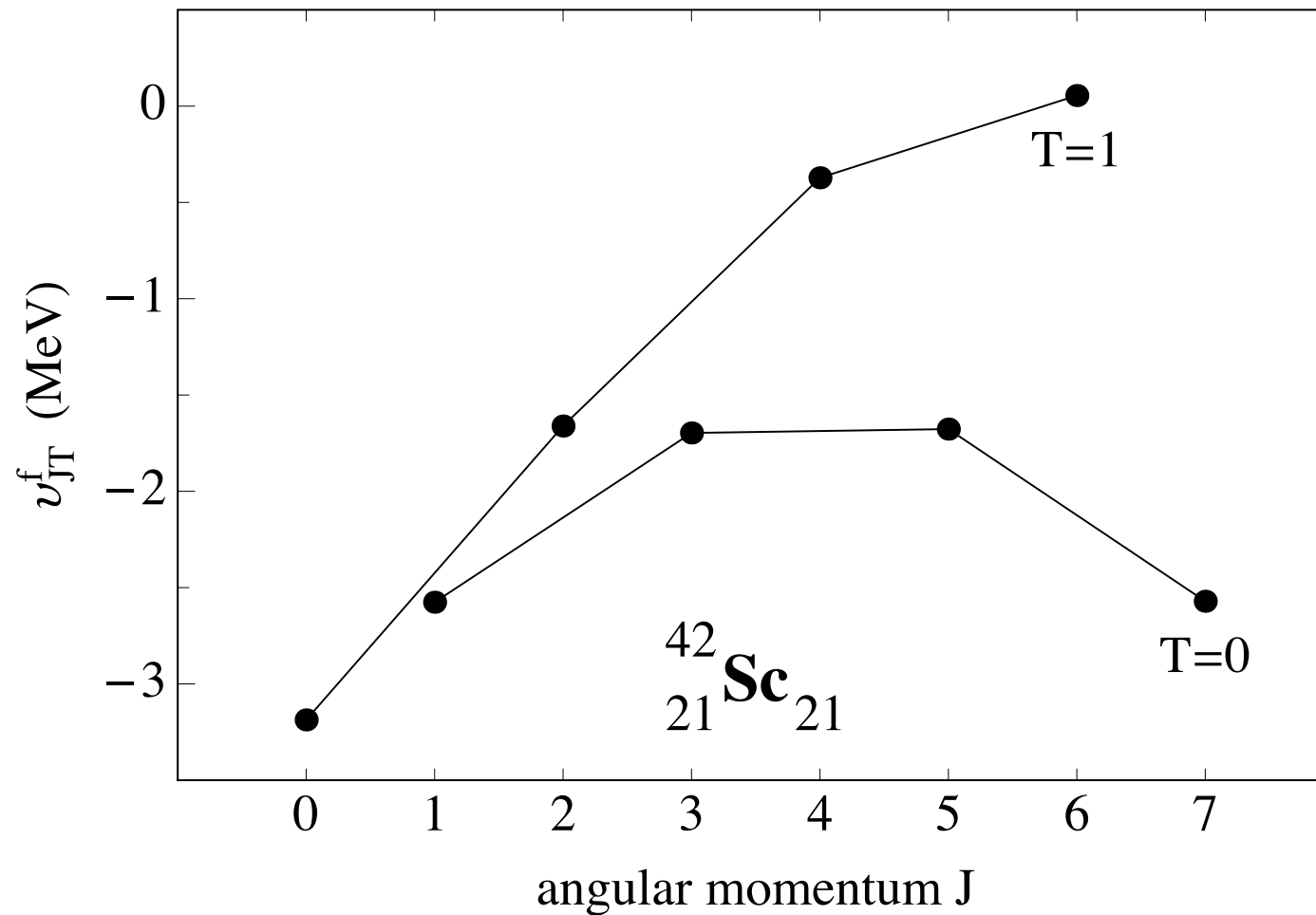
# Approximations

Hypothesis:  $N=Z$  nuclei can be described in the (spherical) shell model, in an appropriate model space and with an appropriate interaction.

Approximations:

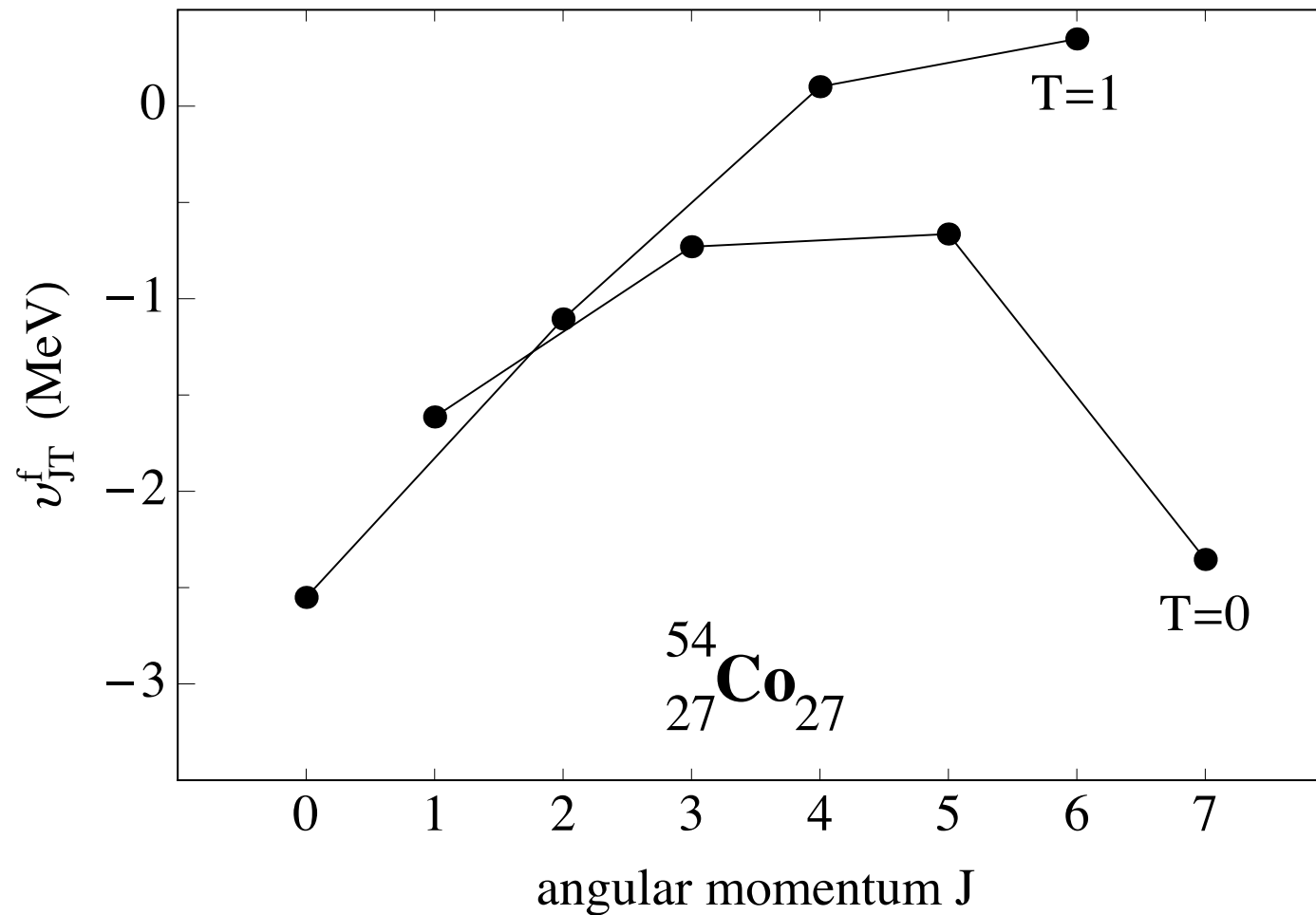
- (A) Truncate shell model to a single high- $j$  shell.
- (B) Truncate single- $j$  shell space to one written in terms of aligned-spin  $B$  ( $J=7$  or  $9$ ) pairs.
- (C) Replace aligned-spin  $B$  pairs by  $b$  bosons.

# Shell-model interaction: $1f_{7/2}$



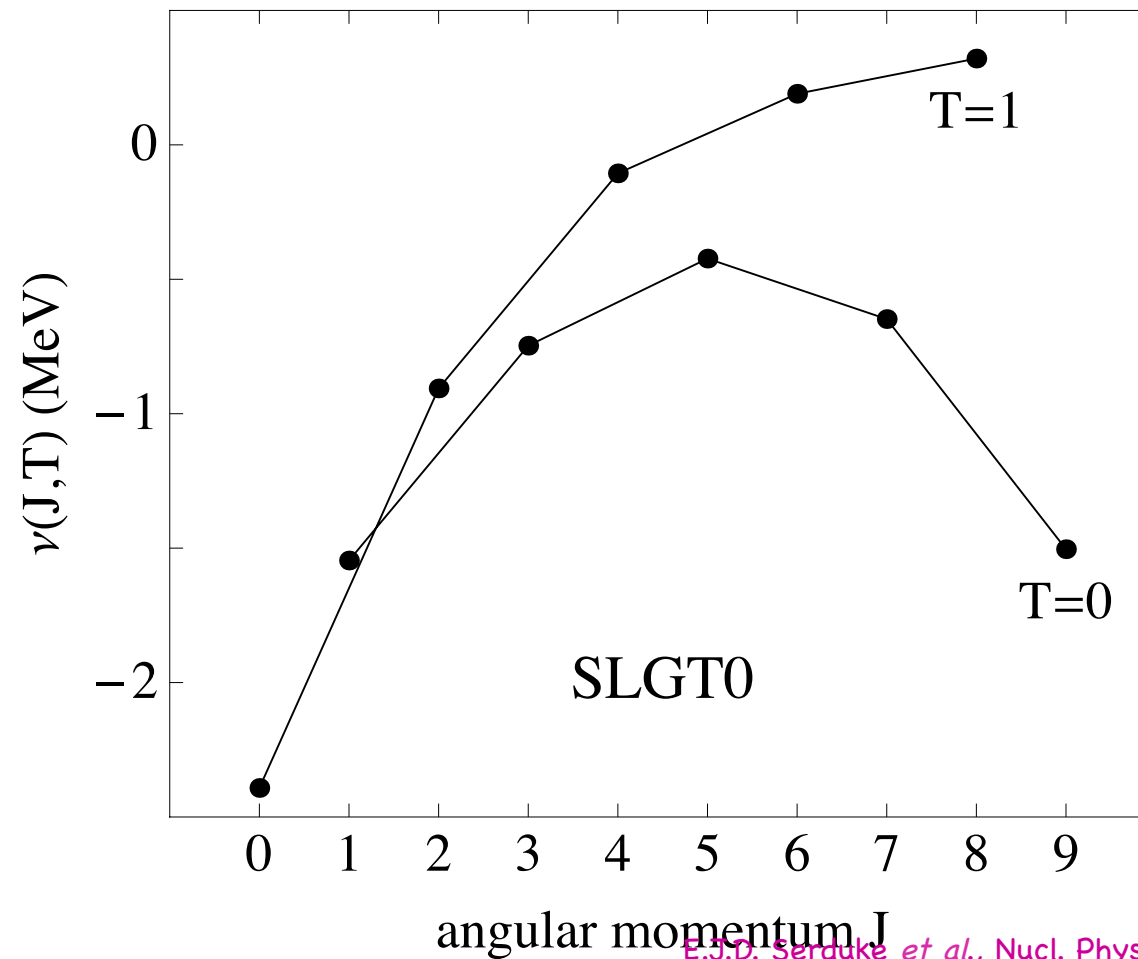
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# Shell-model interaction: $1f_{7/2}$



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# Shell-model interaction: $1g_{9/2}$



E.J.D. Serduke *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. A **256** (1976) 45

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# Pair analysis in the shell model

Define different types of nucleon pairs:

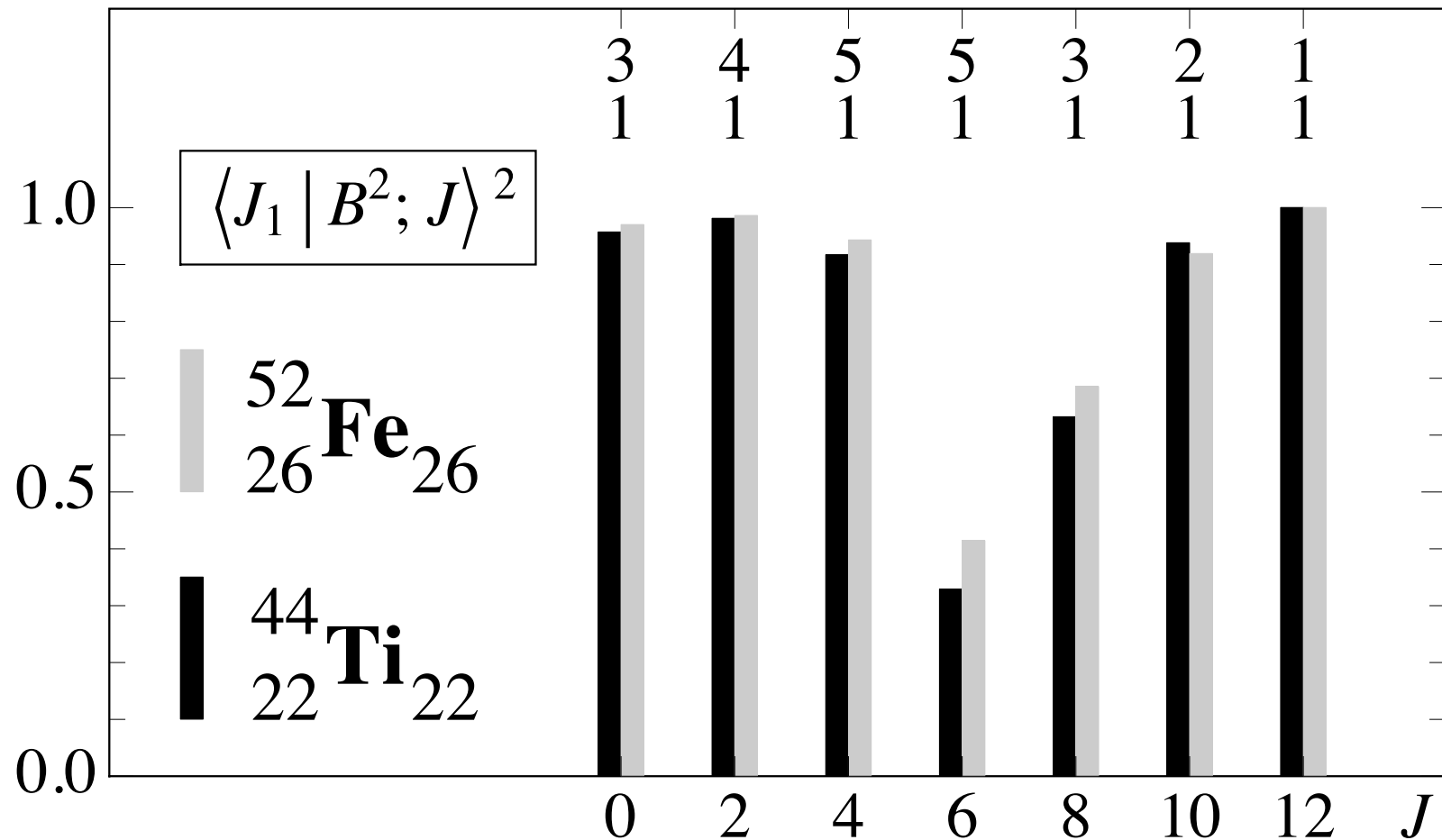
$$B_{JT}^+ = \left( a_{j1/2}^+ \times a_{j1/2}^+ \right)^{(JT)}$$

$$S^+ : J = 0, T = 1; \quad D^+ : J = 2, T = 1; \quad B^+ : J = 7 \text{ or } 9, T = 0.$$

Calculate overlap with shell-model wave functions with the nucleon-pair shell model in an isospin-invariant formulation.

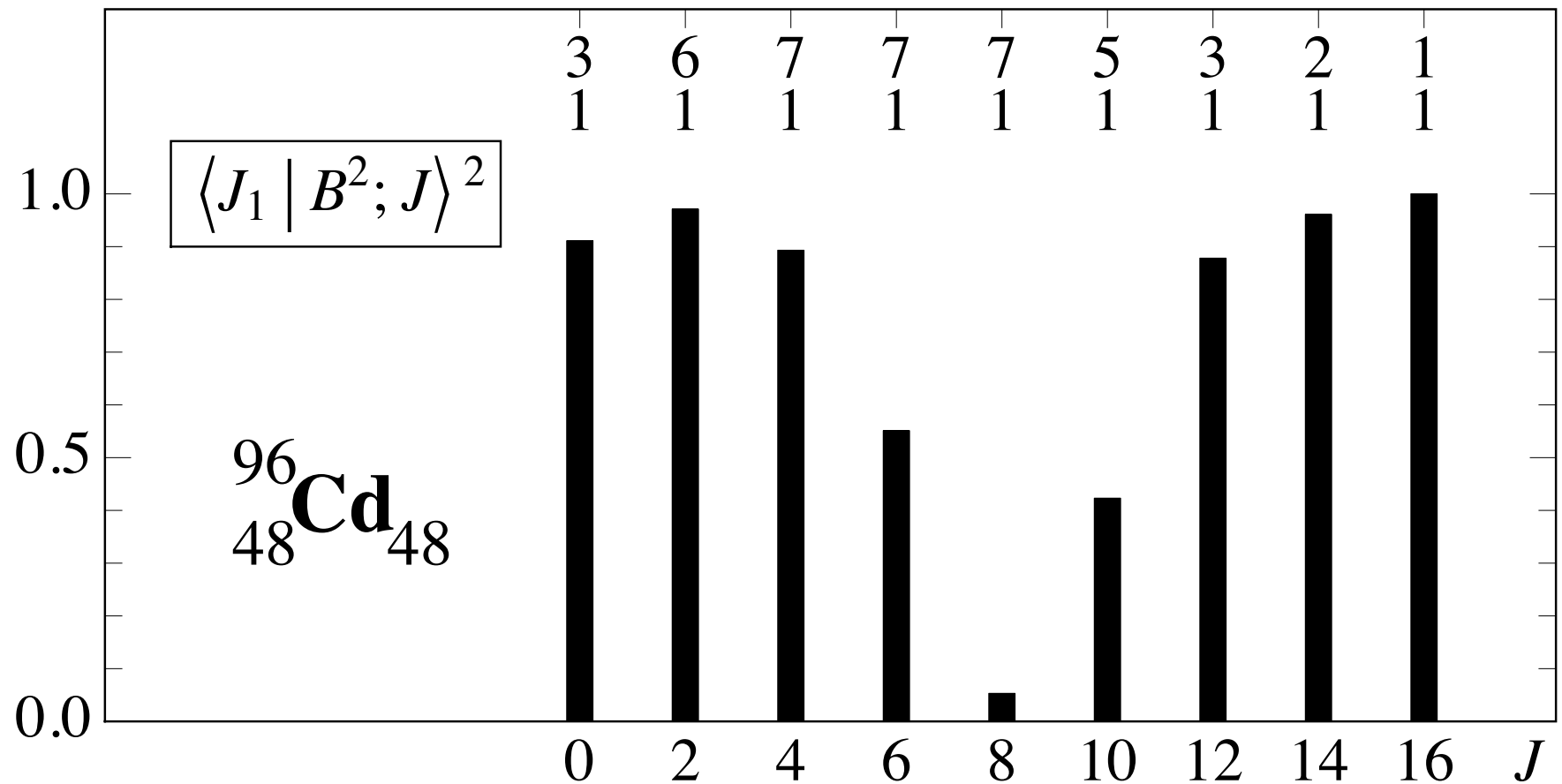


# $B$ -pair analysis of $^{44}\text{Ti}$ and $^{52}\text{Fe}$



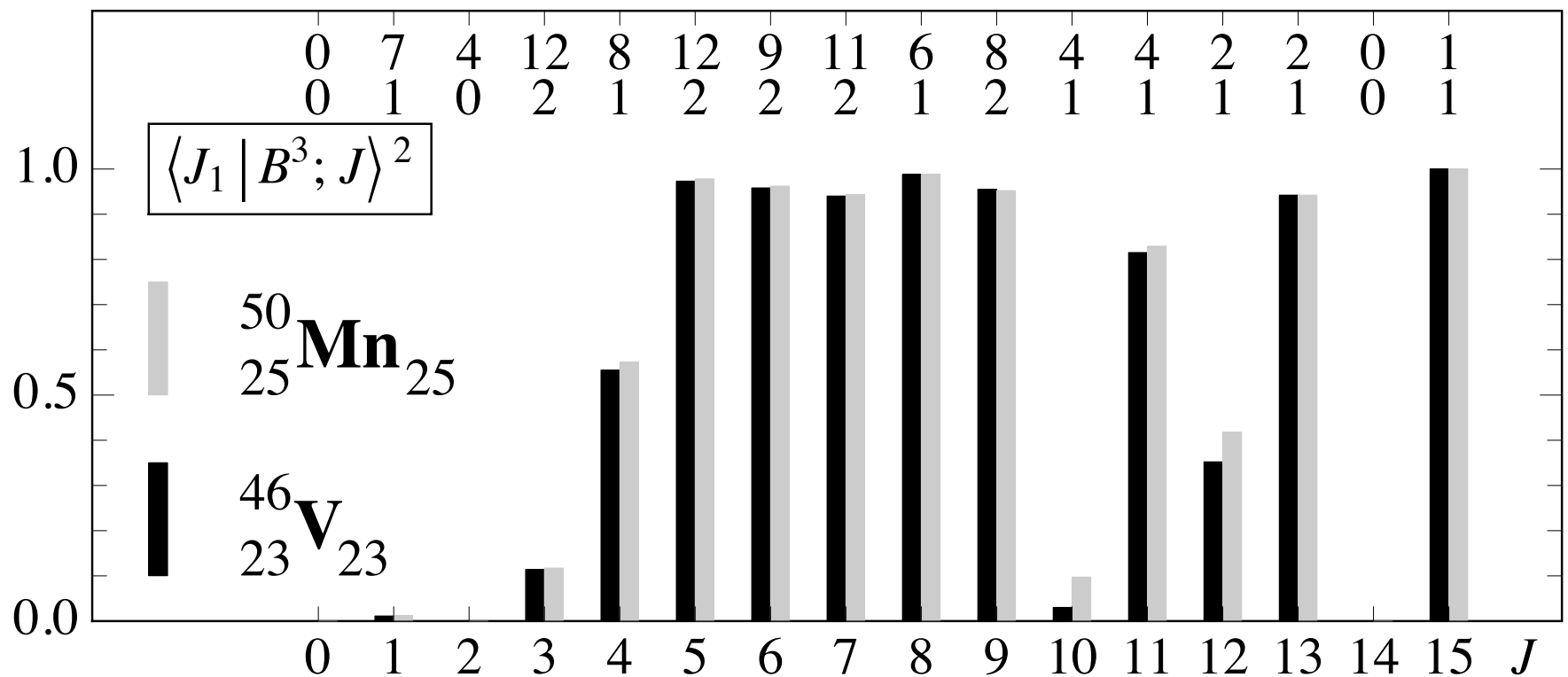
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# $B$ -pair analysis of $^{96}\text{Cd}$



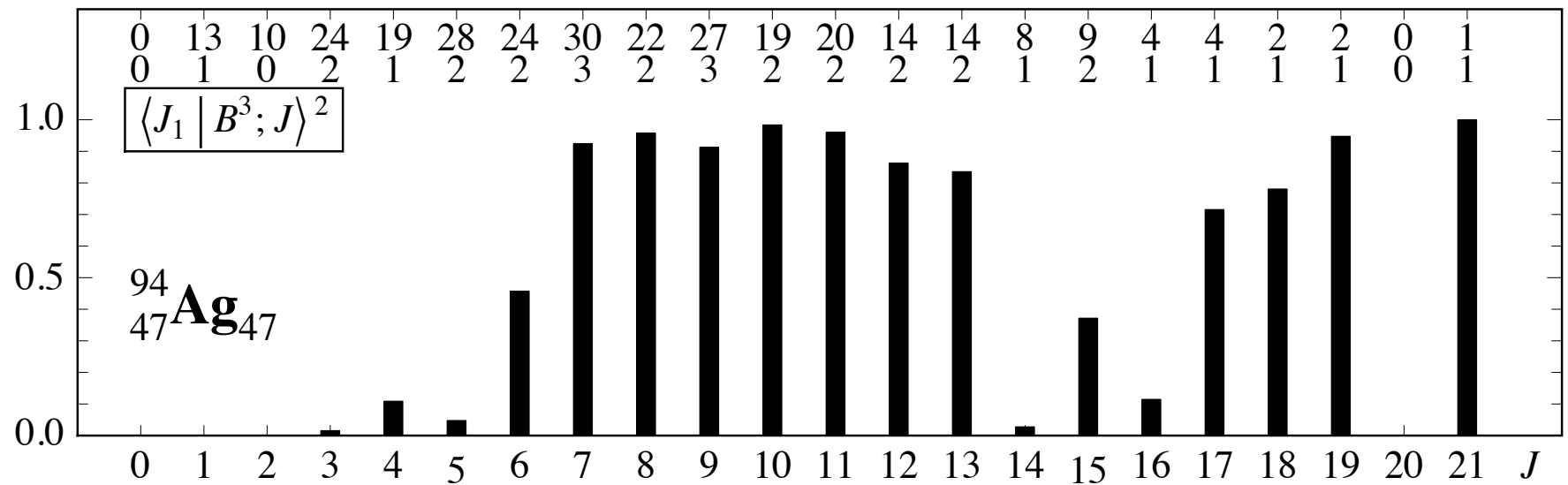
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# $B$ -pair analysis of $^{46}\text{V}$ and $^{50}\text{Mn}$



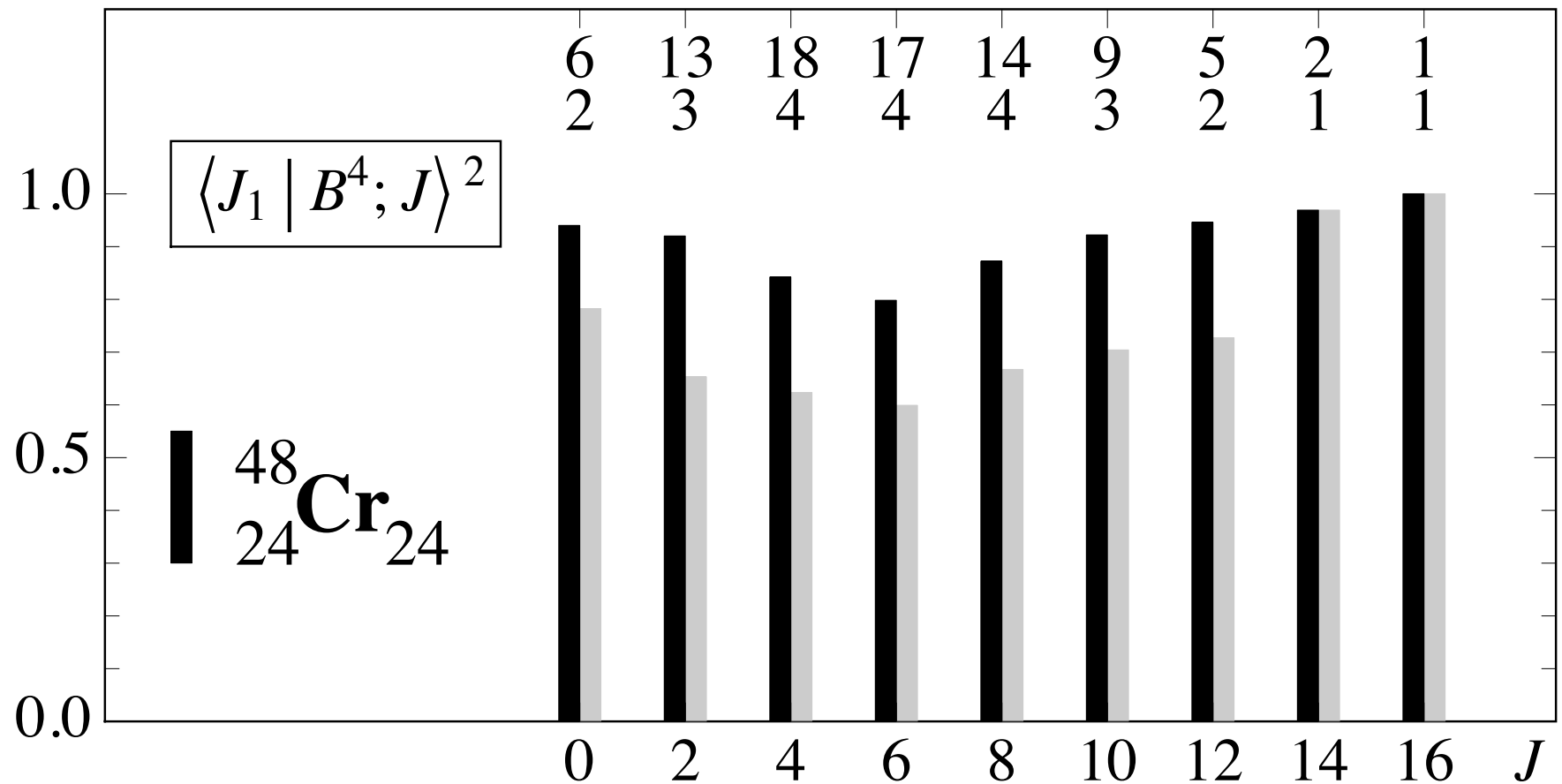
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# $B$ -pair analysis of $^{94}\text{Ag}$



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# $B$ -pair analysis of $^{48}\text{Cr}$



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# Mapping to bosons

Transform to a much simpler problem in terms of interacting bosons:  $B^+ \rightarrow b^+$

Boson energies and boson-boson interactions are derived from the shell model (i.e., *not* fitted).

# Magnetic dipole moments

For any state in a single- $j$  shell

$$g(\alpha J) = \frac{1}{2}(g_v + g_\pi) \approx \begin{cases} 0.52 \text{ to } 0.55 \mu_N & (1f_{7/2}) \\ 0.51 \text{ to } 0.54 \mu_N & (1g_{9/2}) \end{cases}$$

The same result is obtained with  $b$ -IBM mapped from a single- $j$  shell model.

∴ Magnetic dipole moments test approximation (A) but are insensitive to (B) and (C).

In  $^{46}\text{V}$ :  $\mu(3_1^+) = 1.64(3) \mu_N$

In  $^{50}\text{Mn}$ :  $\mu(5_1^+) = 2.76(1) \mu_N$

# Q moment of $5^+$ state in $^{50}\text{Mn}$

Experimental value:  $Q(5_1^+) = 0.80(12) \text{ b}$

Large-scale shell model:  $Q(5_1^+) = 0.58 \text{ b}$

Numerical result in the  $1f_{7/2}$  shell:

$$Q(5_1^+) = 4.2(e_v + e_\pi)(\ell_{\text{ho}})^2$$

Expression in terms of  $b$  bosons:

$$Q(b^3[12]5) = \frac{649485}{150241}(e_v + e_\pi)(\ell_{\text{ho}})^2 \approx 4.3(e_v + e_\pi)(\ell_{\text{ho}})^2$$

Parameter-free test:

$$\frac{Q(5_1^+; {}^{46}\text{V})}{Q(7_1^+; {}^{42}\text{Sc})} \approx \frac{Q(b^3[12]5)}{Q(b)} = \frac{216495}{150241} \approx 1.44$$



# $Q$ moment of $21^+$ isomer in $^{94}\text{Ag}$

In the  $1g_{9/2}$  shell:

$$Q(21_1^+) = \sqrt{\frac{196}{9}} (e_v + e_\pi) (\ell_{\text{ho}})^2 \approx 0.42 \text{ b}$$

Expression in terms of  $b$  bosons:

$$Q(b_\infty^3 21) = \sqrt{\frac{81949367824}{3489855625}} (e_v + e_\pi) (\ell_{\text{ho}})^2 \approx 0.44 \text{ b}$$

$\therefore$  Measurement of  $Q(21^+)$  tests (A). Calculation confirms (B+C).

# $Q$ moment of $7^+$ isomer in $^{94}\text{Ag}$

In the  $1g_{9/2}$  shell (84 components for  $J=7$ ):

$$Q(7_1^+) = 6.60(e_v + e_\pi)(\ell_{\text{ho}})^2 \approx 0.60 \text{ b}$$

Expression in terms of  $b$  bosons:

$$Q(b^3[16]7) \approx \sqrt{\frac{30930277300923364}{627253477610841}} (e_v + e_\pi)(\ell_{\text{ho}})^2 \approx 0.64 \text{ b}$$

# Conclusions

- (A) Truncation of the shell model to a single- $j$  shell. (?)
- (B) Truncation of the single- $j$  shell space to one written in terms of aligned-spin  $B$  ( $J=7$  or  $9$ ) pairs. (✓)
- (C) Replacement of aligned-spin  $B$  pairs by  $b$  bosons. (✓)

# Plus ça change (1)

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## Stretch Scheme, a Shell-Model Description of Deformed Nuclei

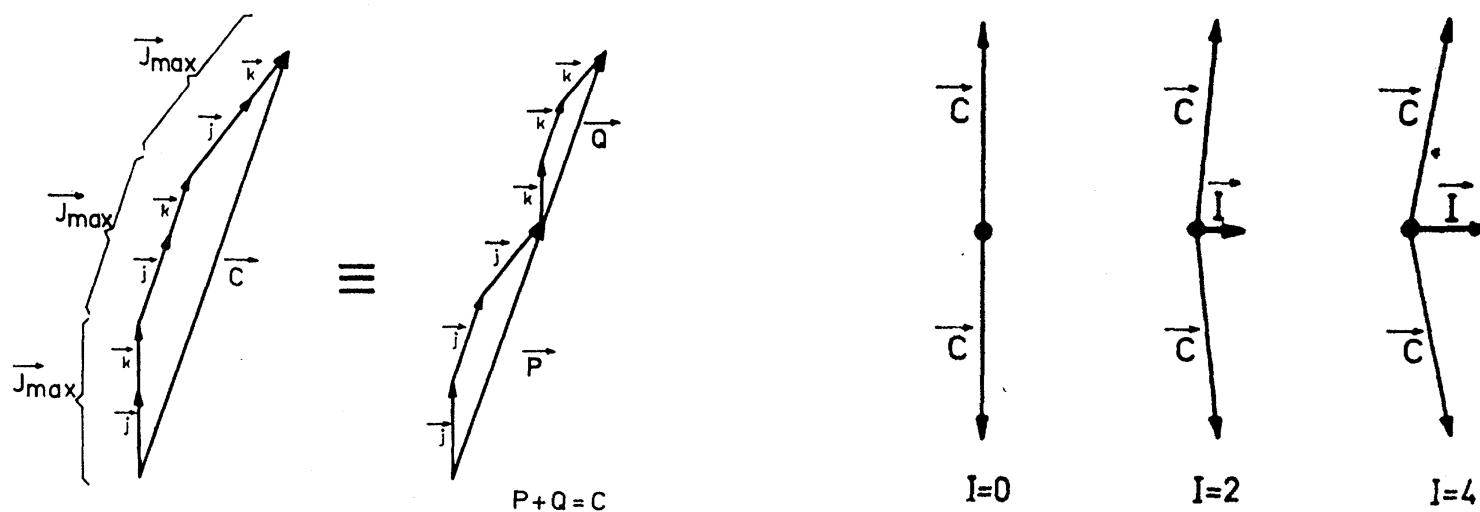
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A good angular-momentum wave function containing the maximum possible intrinsic angular momenta leads to a microscopic description of the nuclear rotational spectra in terms of spherical shell-model states. The rotational excitation energies arise from the residual two-body force. In the actual model calculations, the only approximation was a partial violation of the exclusion principle. The computed departures from the  $I(I+1)$  law are consistent with experiment. Reasons are given for the preference of positive over negative intrinsic deformations.



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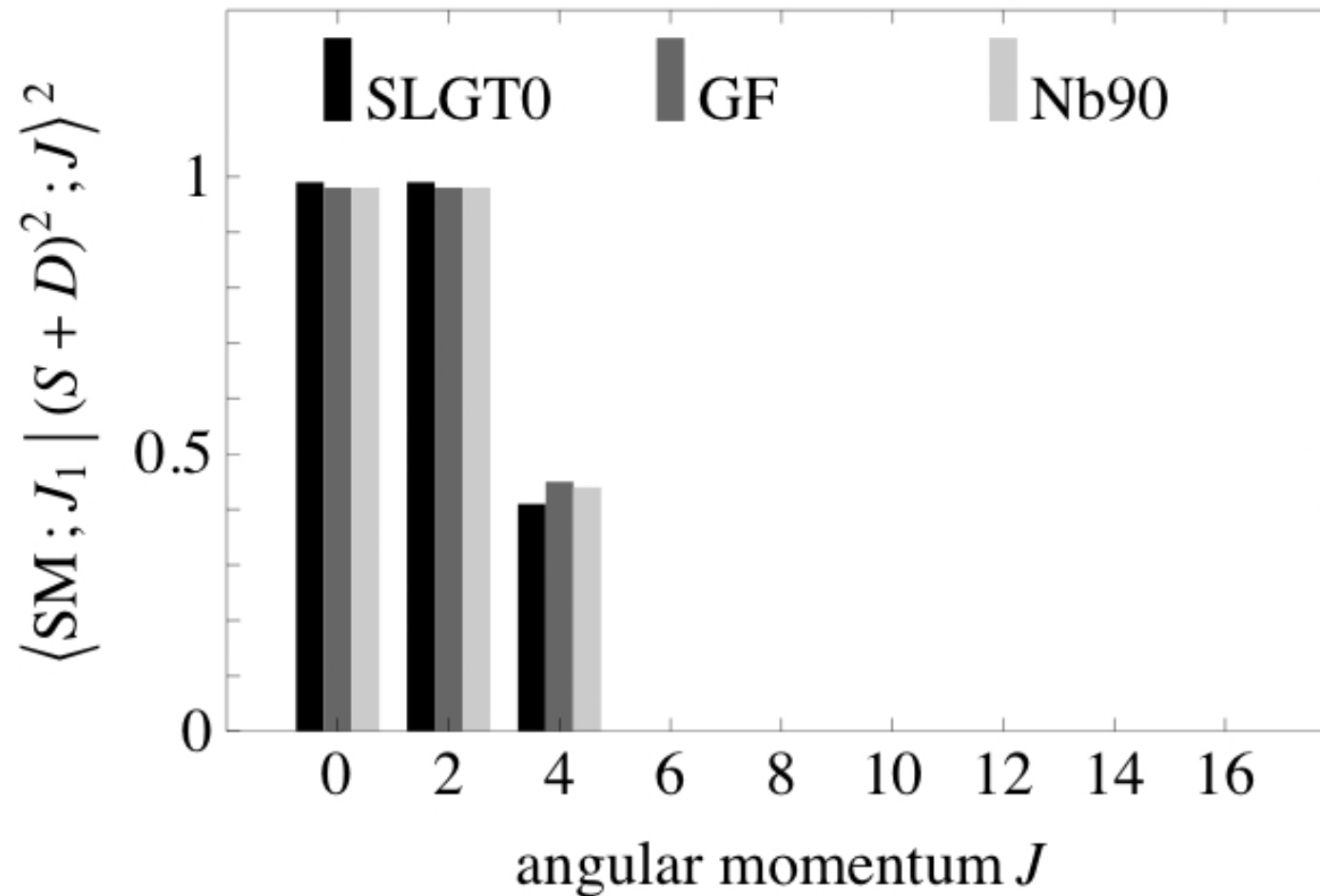
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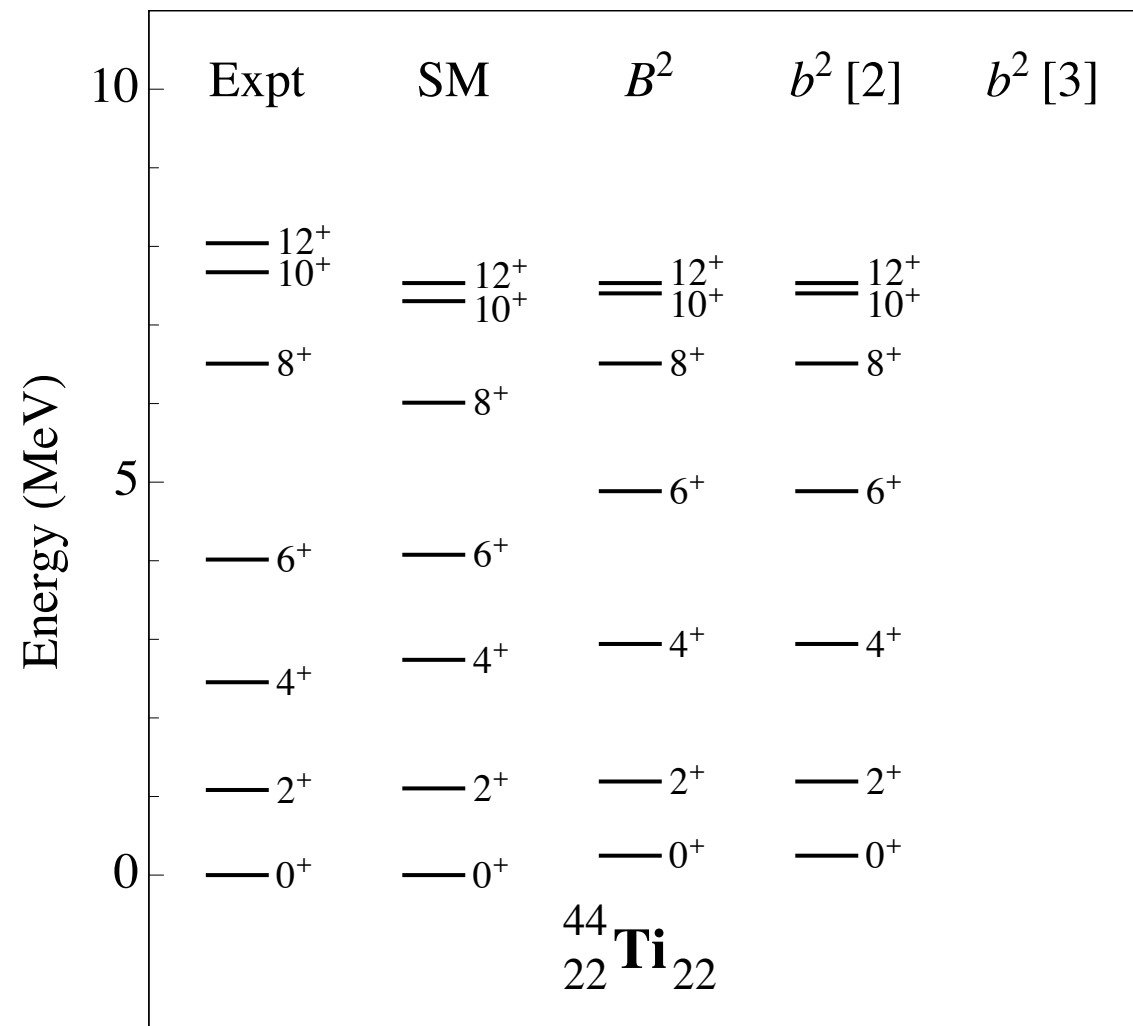
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# Structure of $^{96}\text{Cd}$



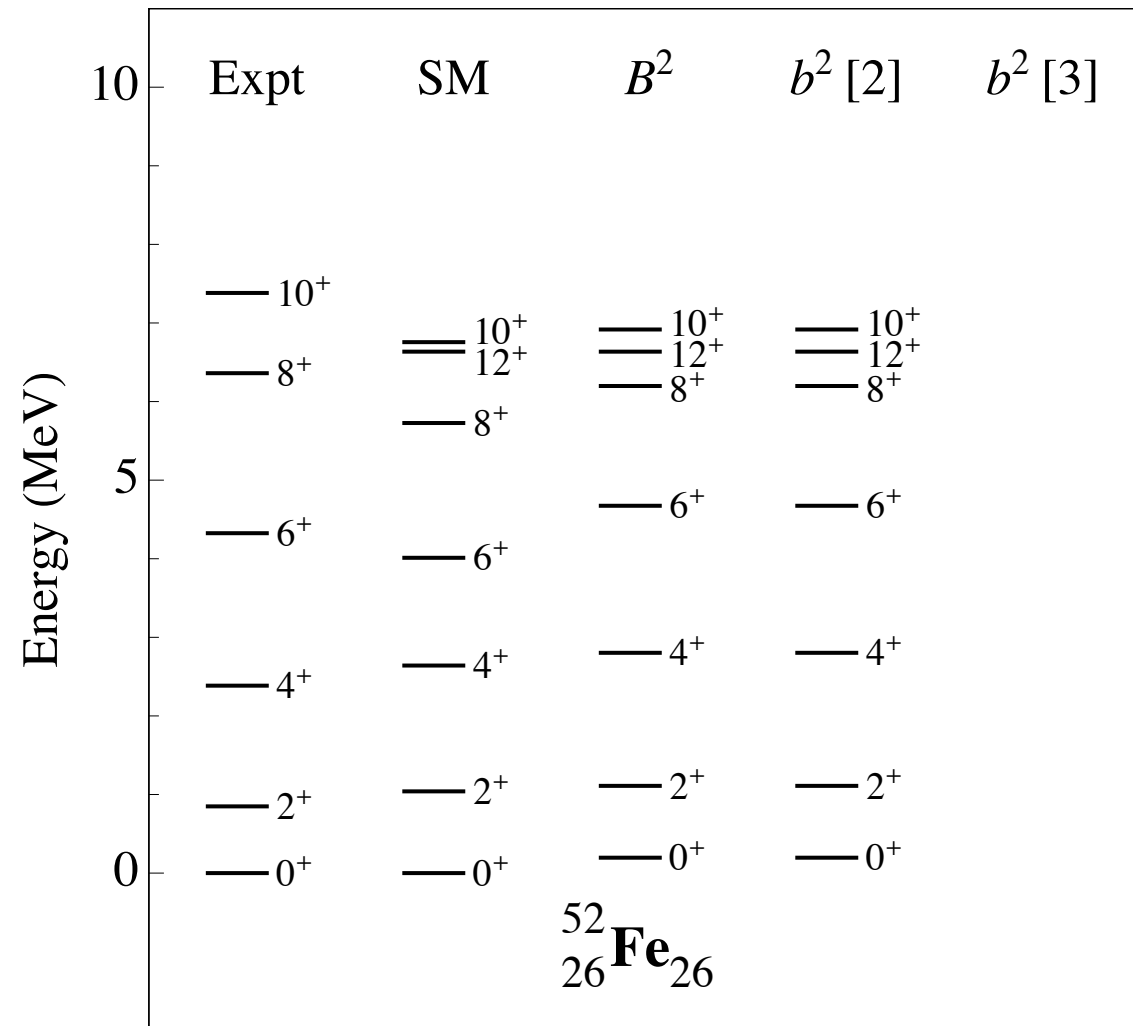
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# Spectrum of $^{44}\text{Ti}$



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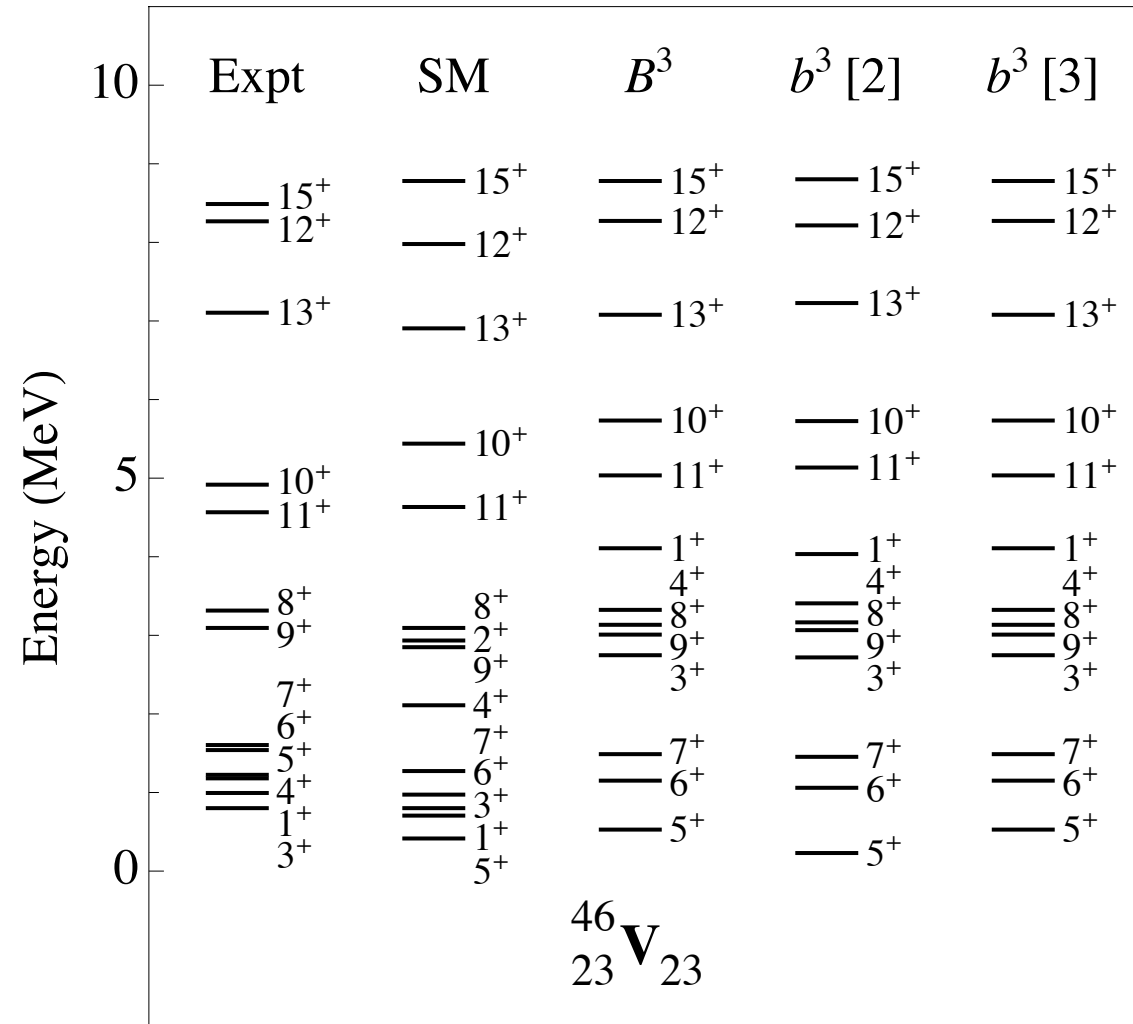
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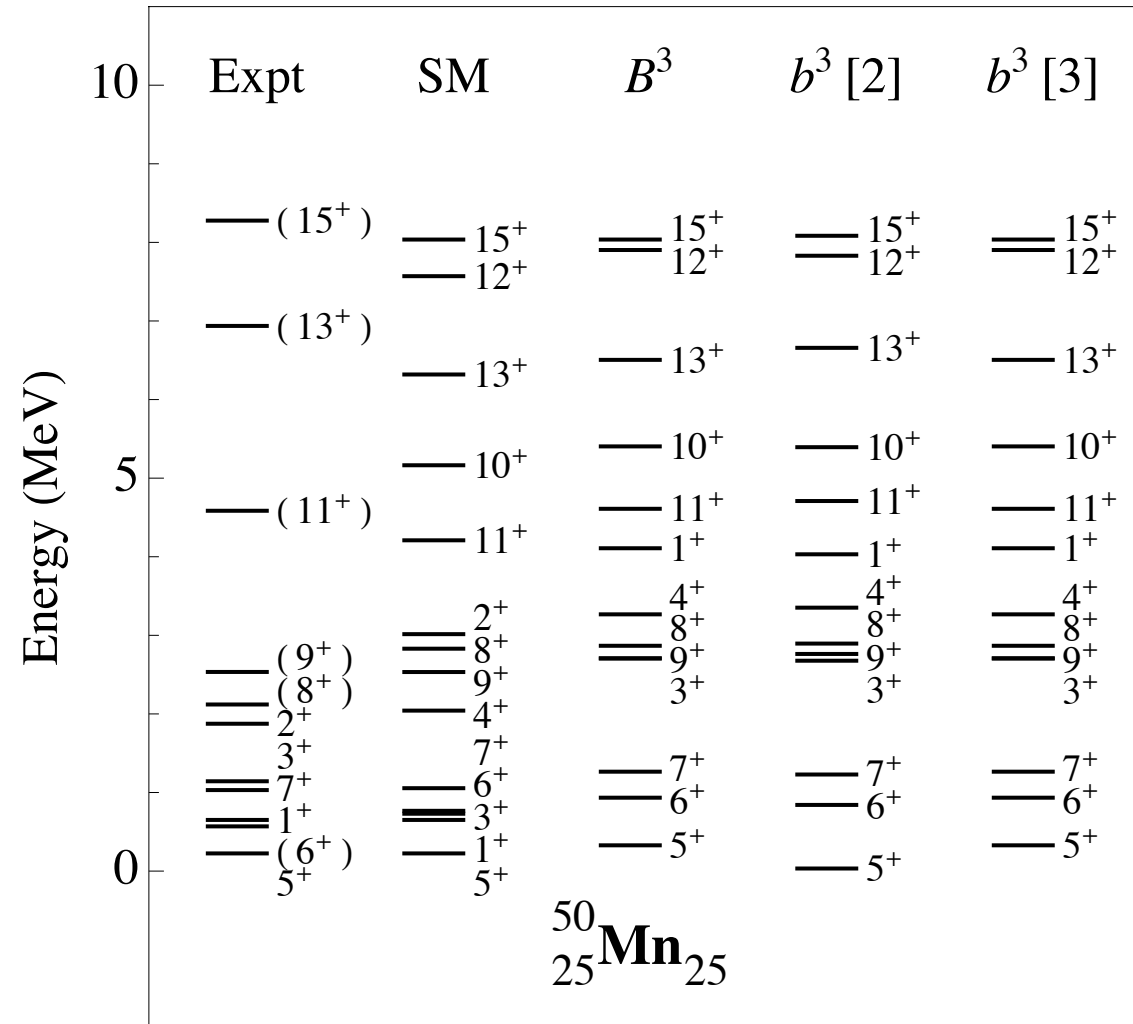


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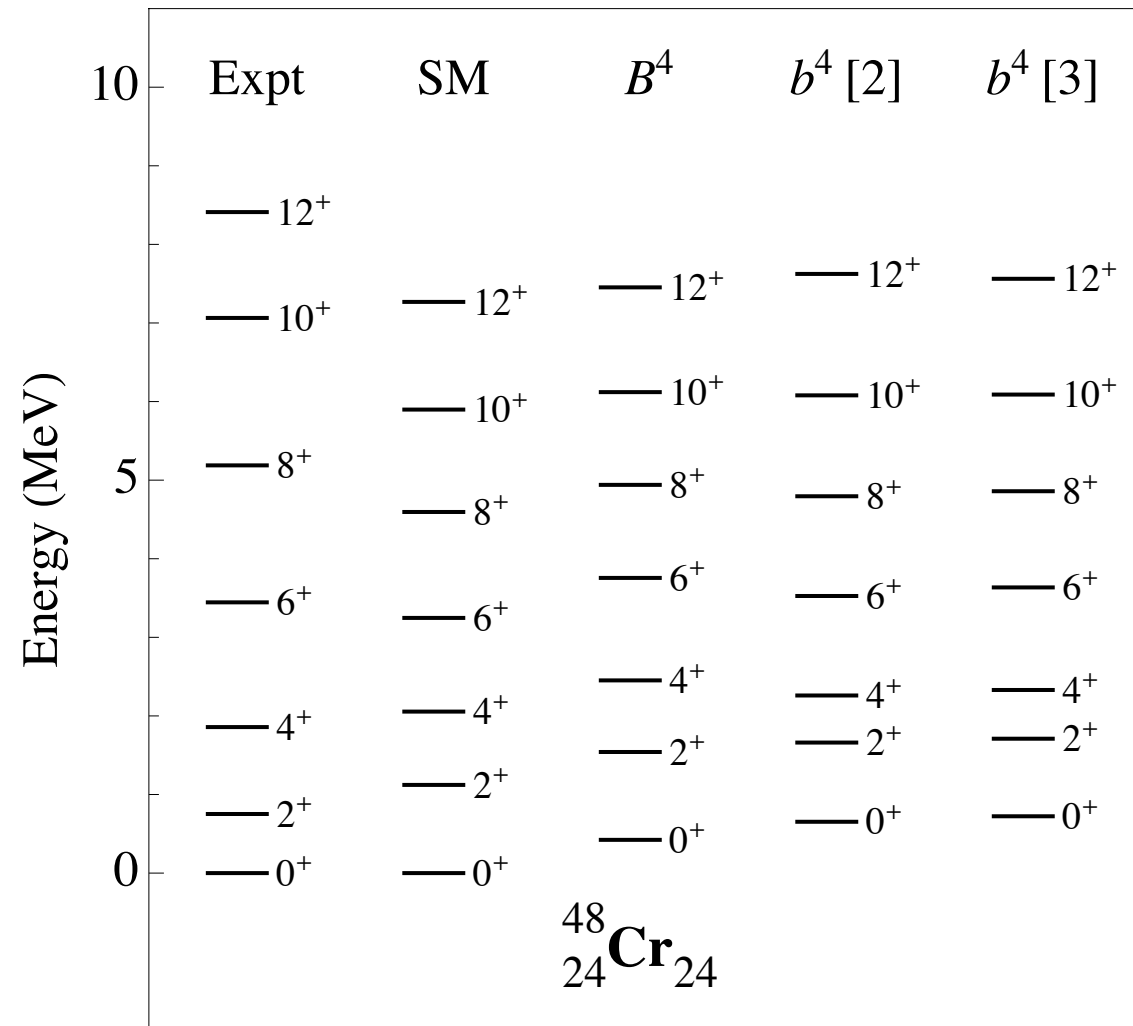
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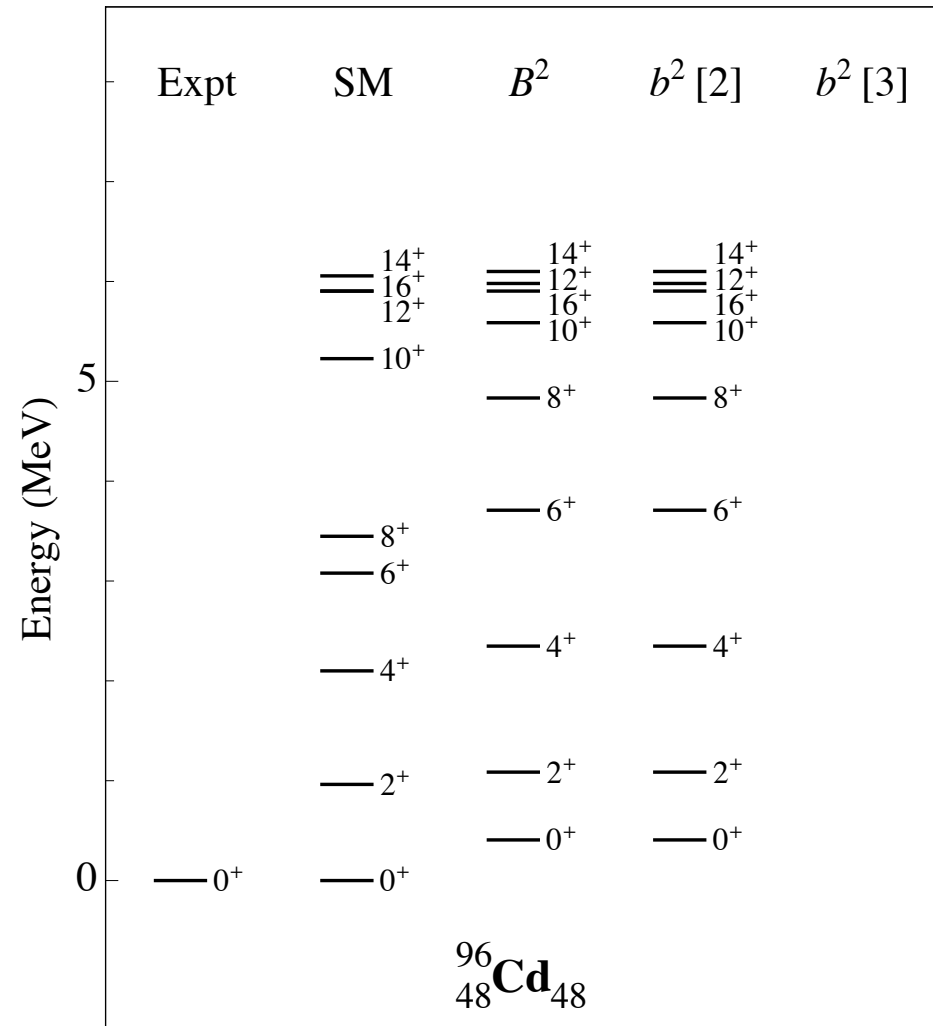
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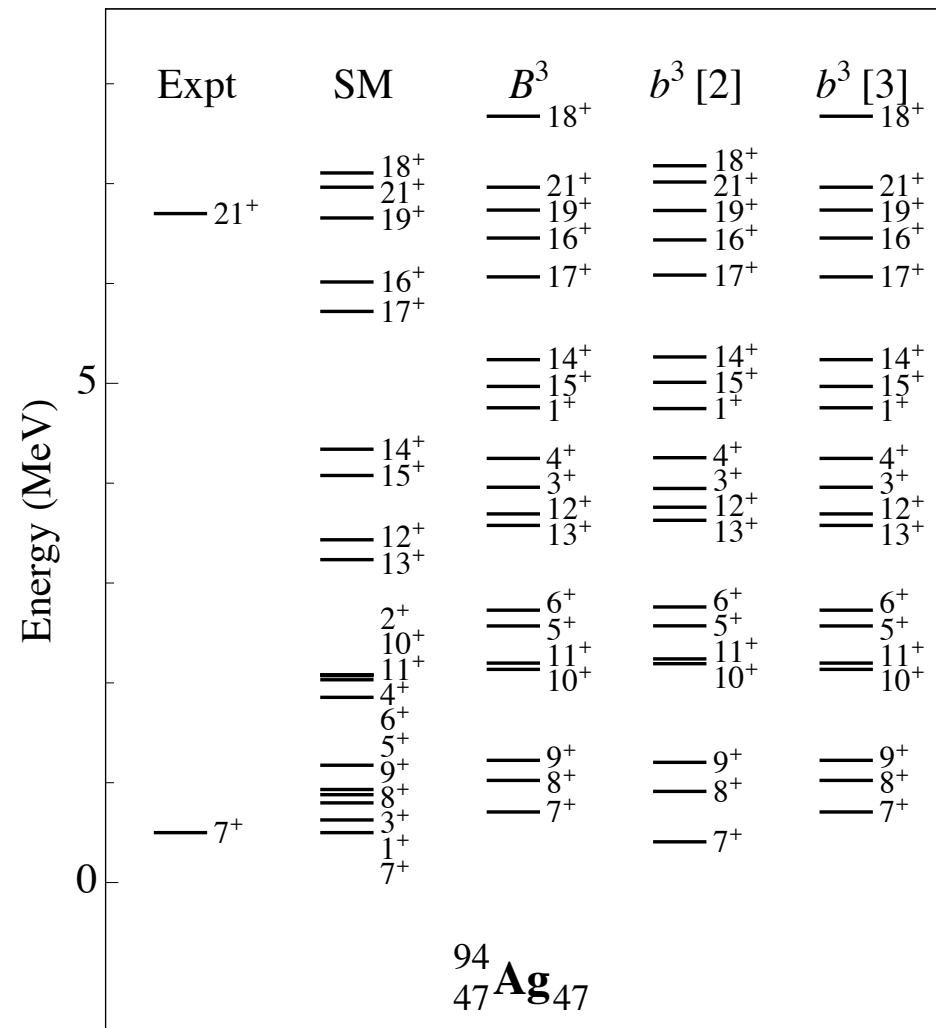
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# Spectrum of $^{96}\text{Cd}$



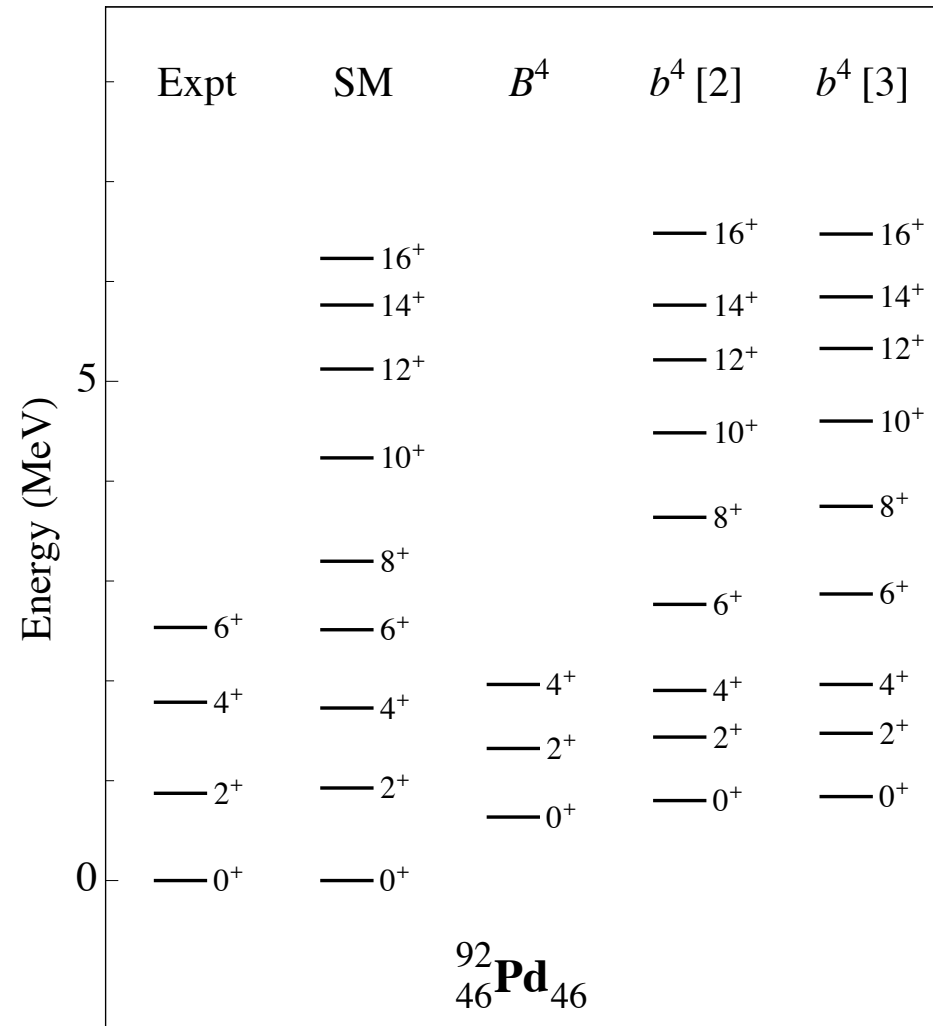
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# Spectrum of $^{94}\text{Ag}$



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# Spectrum of $^{92}\text{Pd}$



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# E2 properties in $b$ -IBM

The E2 operator in the shell model:

$$\hat{T}_{\mu}^{\text{F}}(\text{E2}) = e_{\nu} \sum_{i \in \nu} r_i^2 Y_{2\mu}(\theta_i, \phi_i) + e_{\pi} \sum_{i \in \pi} r_i^2 Y_{2\mu}(\theta_i, \phi_i)$$

The E2 operator in terms of  $b$  bosons:

$$\hat{T}_{\mu}^{\text{B}}(\text{E2}) = e_{\text{b}} (b^{+} \times \tilde{b})_{\mu}^{(2)}$$

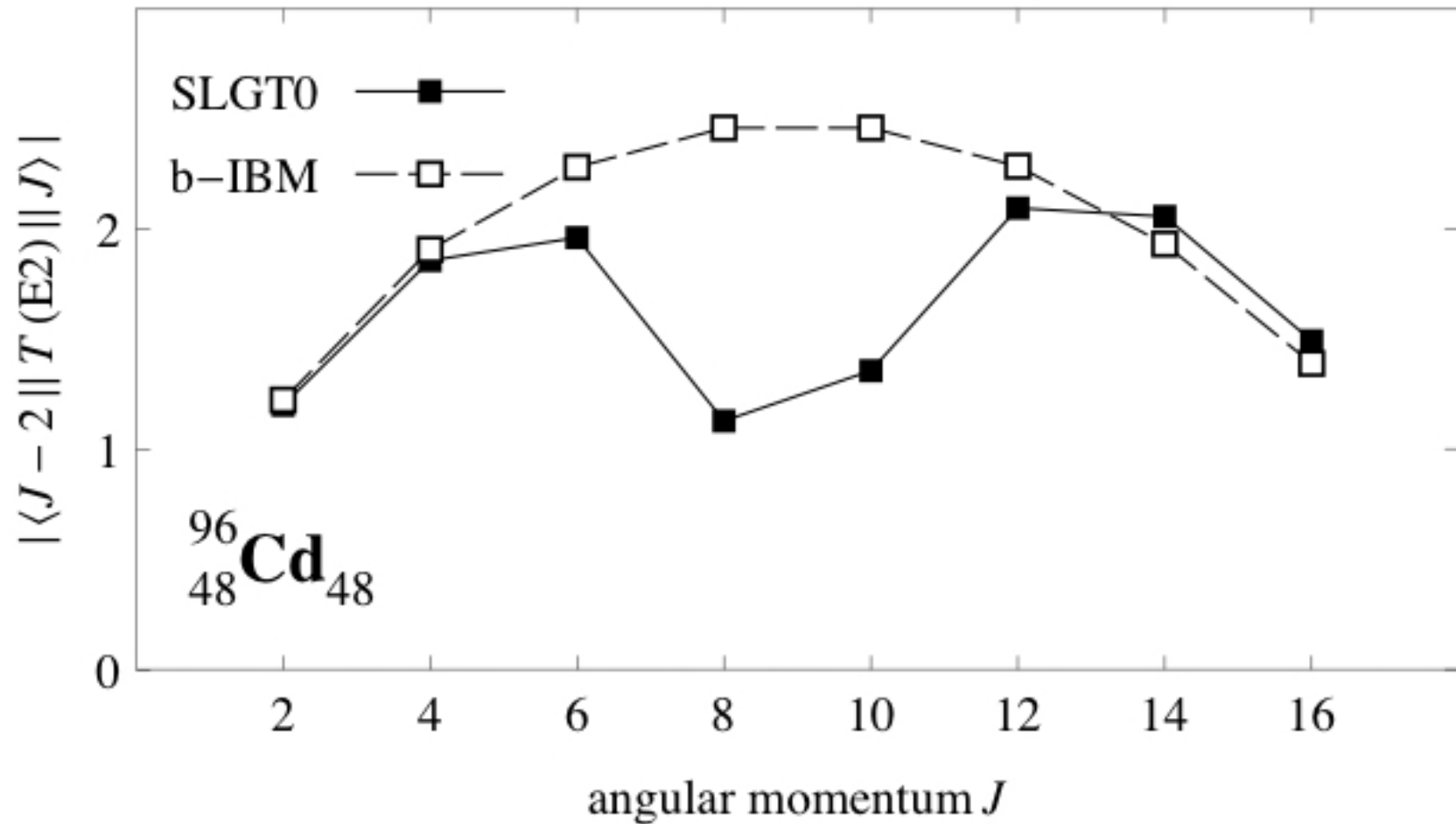
The mapping implies the relation:

$$\left\langle (g_{9/2})^2; 9^{+} \left\| \hat{T}^{\text{F}}(\text{E2}) \right\| (g_{9/2})^2; 9^{+} \right\rangle = \langle b \left\| \hat{T}^{\text{B}}(\text{E2}) \right\| b \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow e_{\text{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{55}{3\pi}} (\ell_{\text{ho}})^2 \times \sqrt{\frac{266}{187}} (e_{\nu} + e_{\pi})$$

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# B(E2) values in $^{96}\text{Cd}$



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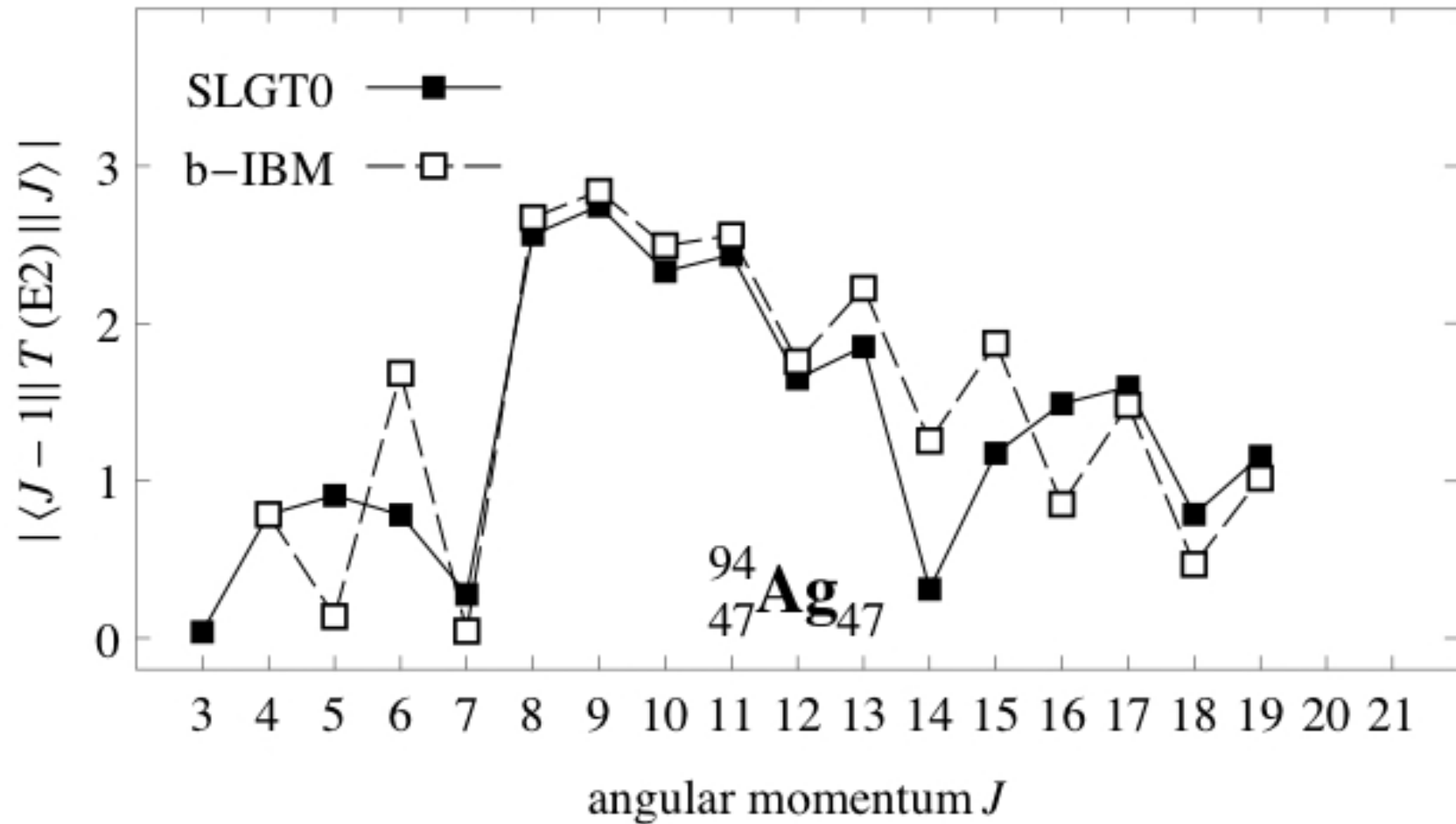


# B(E2) values in $^{96}\text{Cd}$

A simple consequence of the aligned-pair assumption:

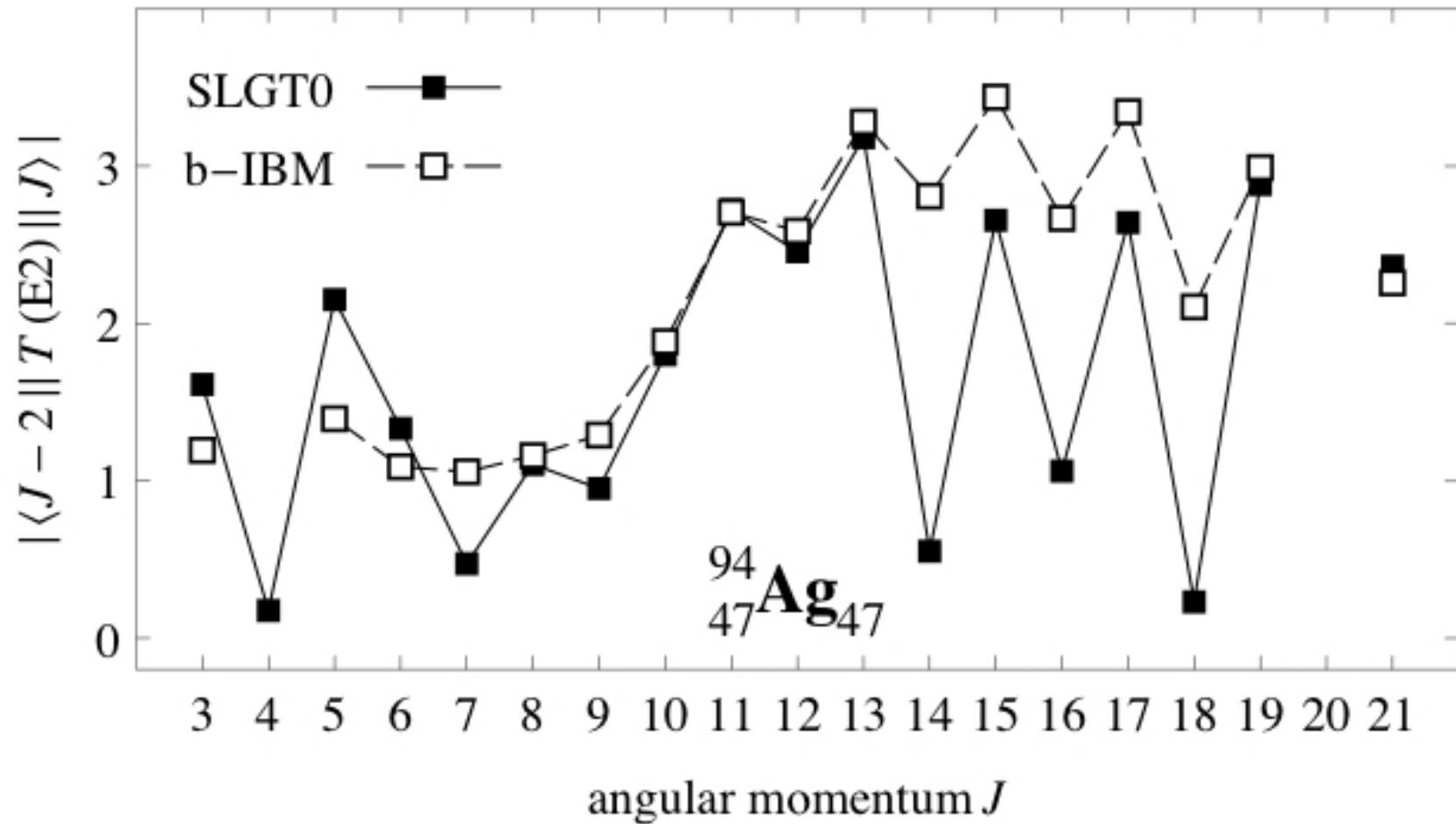
$$B(\text{E}2; J+2 \rightarrow J) = e_b^2 20(2J+1) \left\{ \begin{matrix} 9 & 9 & 2 \\ J+2 & J & 9 \end{matrix} \right\}^2$$

# B(E2) values in $^{94}\text{Ag}$



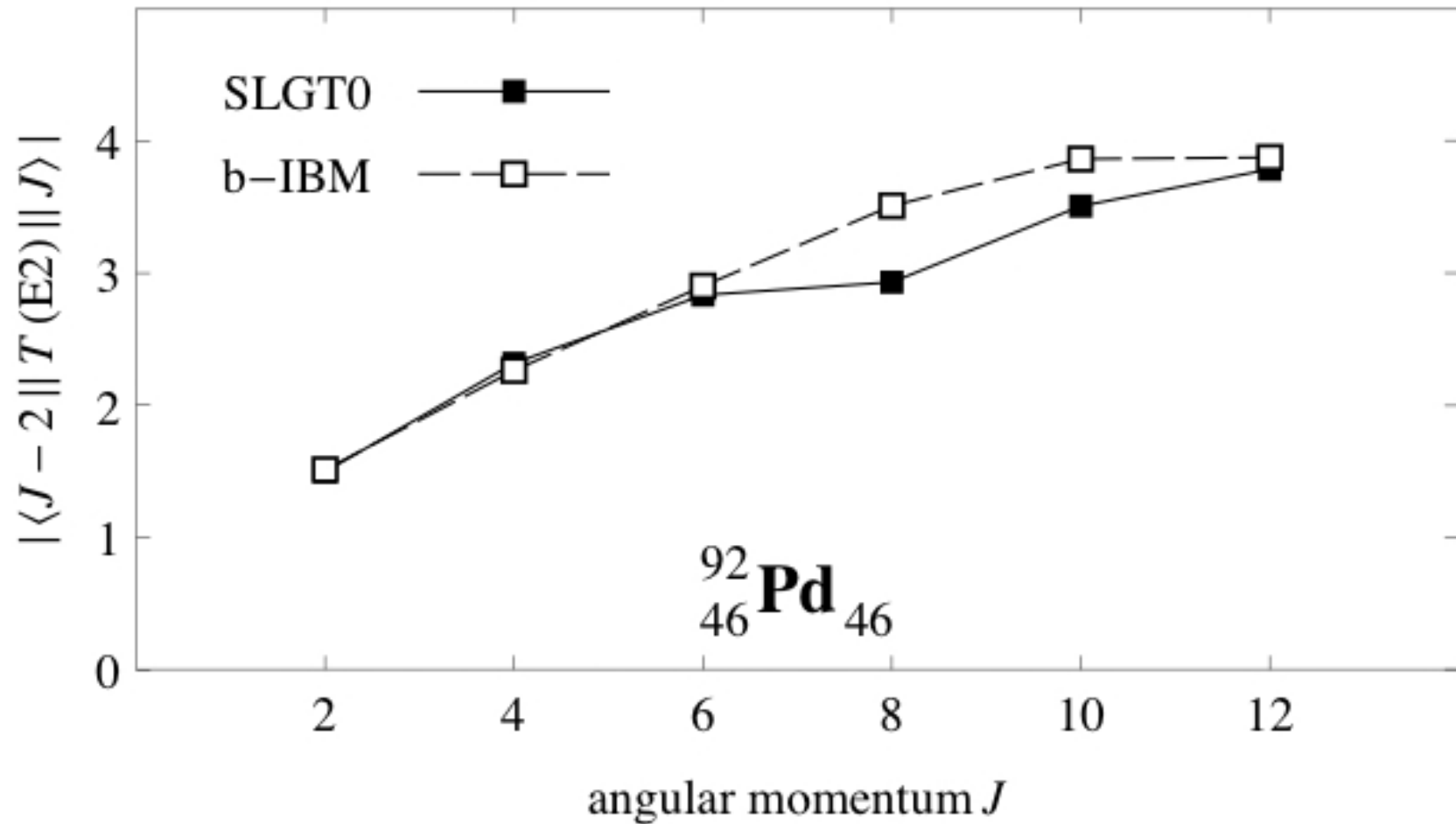
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# B(E2) values in $^{92}\text{Pd}$



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# Energy of $21^+$ isomer in $^{94}\text{Ag}$

How many independent states of three  $b$ -bosons can couple to angular momentum 21?

$$d(v, \ell, J) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{(z^{2J+1} - 1)(z^{2v+2\ell-1} - 1) \prod_{k=1}^{2\ell-2} (z^{v+k} - 1)}{z^{\ell v + J + 2} \prod_{k=1}^{2\ell-2} (z^{k+1} - 1)}$$

Answer:  $d(3, 9, 21) = 2$  one of which is spurious.

After elimination of the spurious state, the energy of the physical  $21^+$  state is

$$E(21^+) = 3\varepsilon_b + \frac{6851}{20155} v_{12}^b + \frac{15488}{21545} v_{14}^b + \frac{1212882}{624805} v_{16}^b$$

P. Van Isacker, Phys. Scr. T150 (2012) 014042

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# Energy of 21<sup>+</sup> isomer in <sup>94</sup>Ag

In turn, we know the boson matrix elements in terms of the shell-model matrix elements:

$$v_{12}^b = \frac{1218}{69355}v_3 + \frac{63423}{138710}v_4 + \frac{29957}{63050}v_5 + \frac{109881}{53350}v_6 \\ + \frac{1148337}{2358070}v_7 + \frac{15231}{31525}v_8 + \frac{10893}{535925}v_9$$

$$v_{14}^b = \frac{868}{8515}v_5 + \frac{1953}{1310}v_6 + \frac{46251}{57902}v_7 + \frac{1977}{1310}v_8 + \frac{2211}{22270}v_9$$

$$v_{16}^b = \frac{8}{17}v_7 + 3v_8 + \frac{9}{17}v_9$$

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# Energy of $21^+$ isomer in $^{94}\text{Ag}$

Therefore, we know the energy of the  $21^+$  isomer in  $^{94}\text{Ag}$  in terms of the shell-model interaction matrix elements:

$$\begin{aligned} E_b(21^+) = & \frac{22134}{3707825} v_3 + \frac{1152549}{7415650} v_4 + \frac{1347751953}{5740387250} v_5 \\ & + \frac{8606149749}{4857250750} v_6 + \frac{354940047213}{214690483150} v_7 \\ & + \frac{1561553973}{220784125} v_8 + \frac{15411107094}{3753330125} v_9 \end{aligned}$$

# Energy of $21^+$ isomer in $^{94}\text{Ag}$

The  $21^+$  state is unique in the  $1g_{9/2}$  shell model.  
Its energy is therefore known analytically:

$$E_f(21^+) = \frac{21}{65} \nu_5 + \frac{21}{10} \nu_6 + \frac{645}{442} \nu_7 + \frac{69}{10} \nu_8 + \frac{717}{170} \nu_9$$

Comparison tests the reliability of the mapping:

$$E_f(21^+) \approx 0.323 \nu_5 + 2.1 \nu_6 + 1.459 \nu_7 + 6.9 \nu_8 + 4.218 \nu_9$$

$$E_b(21^+) \approx 0.006 \nu_3 + 0.155 \nu_4 + 0.235 \nu_5 + 1.772 \nu_6 \\ + 1.653 \nu_7 + 7.073 \nu_8 + 4.106 \nu_9$$



# Conservation of $n$ , $J$ and $T$

A unique  $n$ -particle shell-model state with angular momentum  $J$  and isospin  $T$  has energy

$$E_f(j^n JT) = \sum_{\lambda} a_{\lambda} \nu_{\lambda}$$

The coefficients  $a_{\lambda}$  satisfy

$$\sum_{\lambda=0}^{2j} a_{\lambda} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2},$$

$$\sum_{\lambda=0}^{2j} \lambda(\lambda+1) a_{\lambda} = J(J+1) + j(j+1) \times n(n-2)$$

$$\sum_{\substack{\lambda=0 \\ \text{even}}}^{2j} 2a_{\lambda} = T(T+1) + \frac{3}{4} n(n-2)$$

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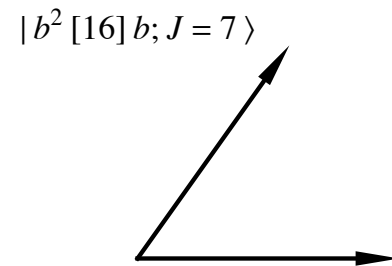
The  $7^+$  isomer in  $^{94}\text{Ag}$  can be written differently:

$$|7^+\rangle \approx |b^2[4] b; J = 7\rangle$$

Because

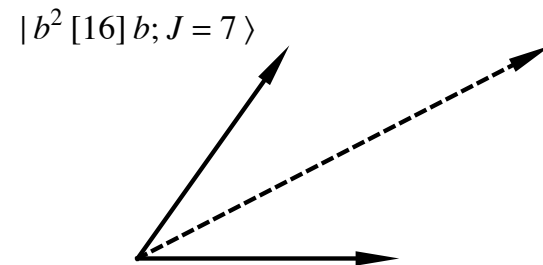
$$\langle b^2[4] b; J = 7 | b^2[16] b; J = 7 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{7012200}{8733503}} = 0.896$$

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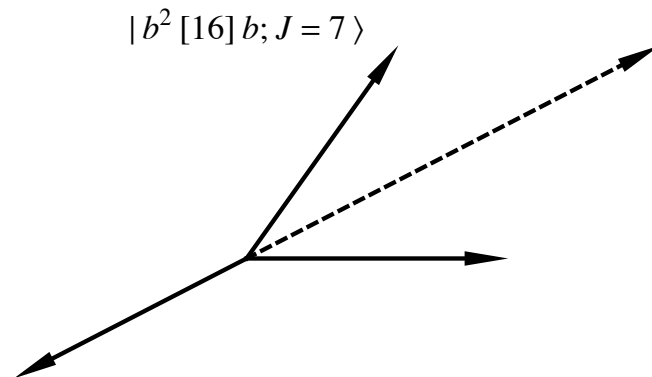
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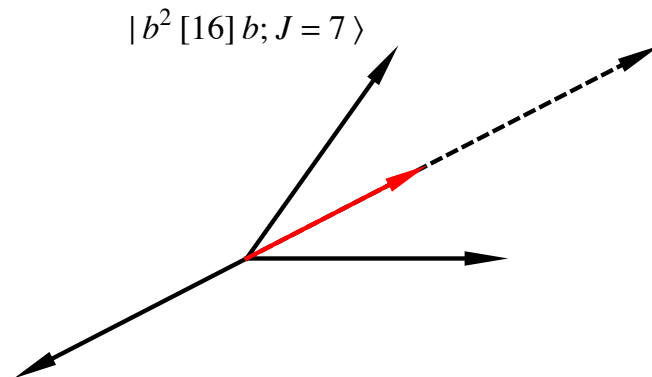
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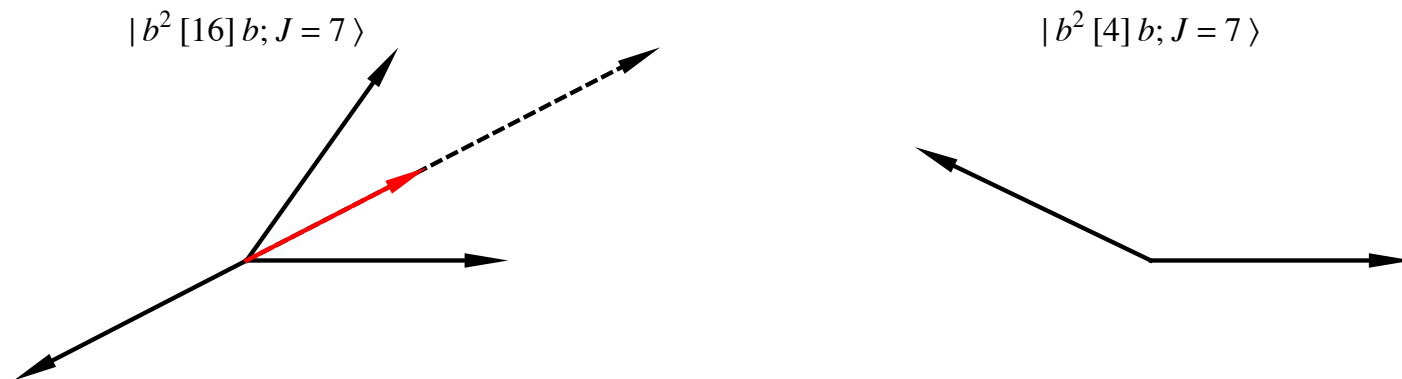
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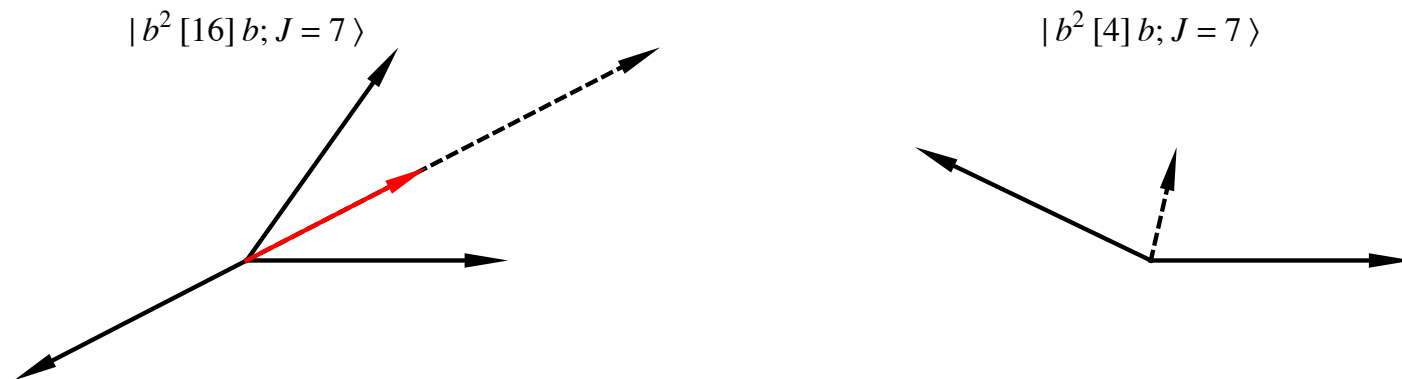
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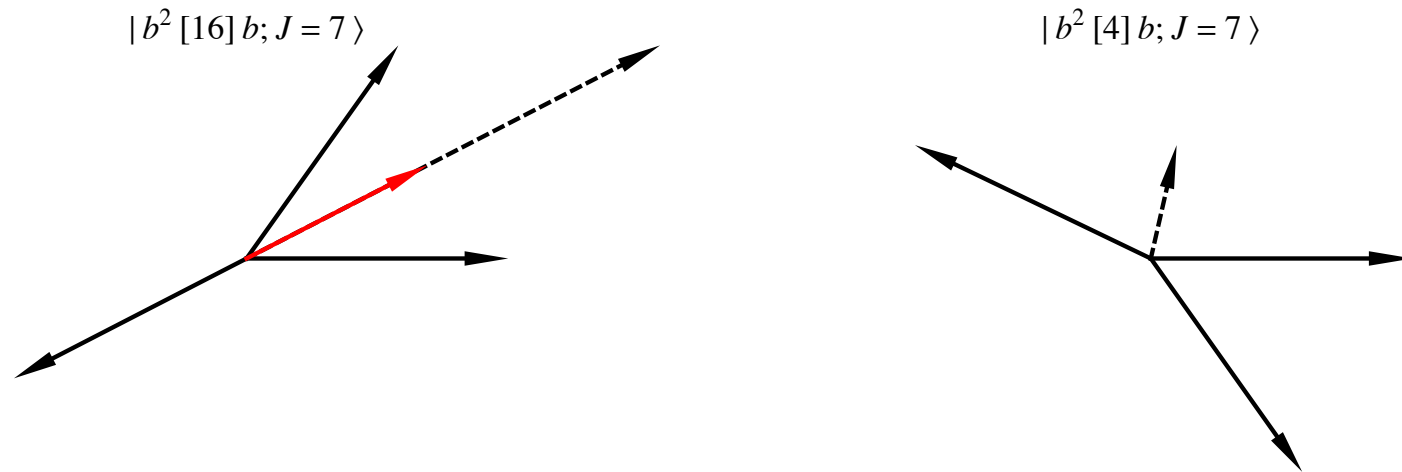
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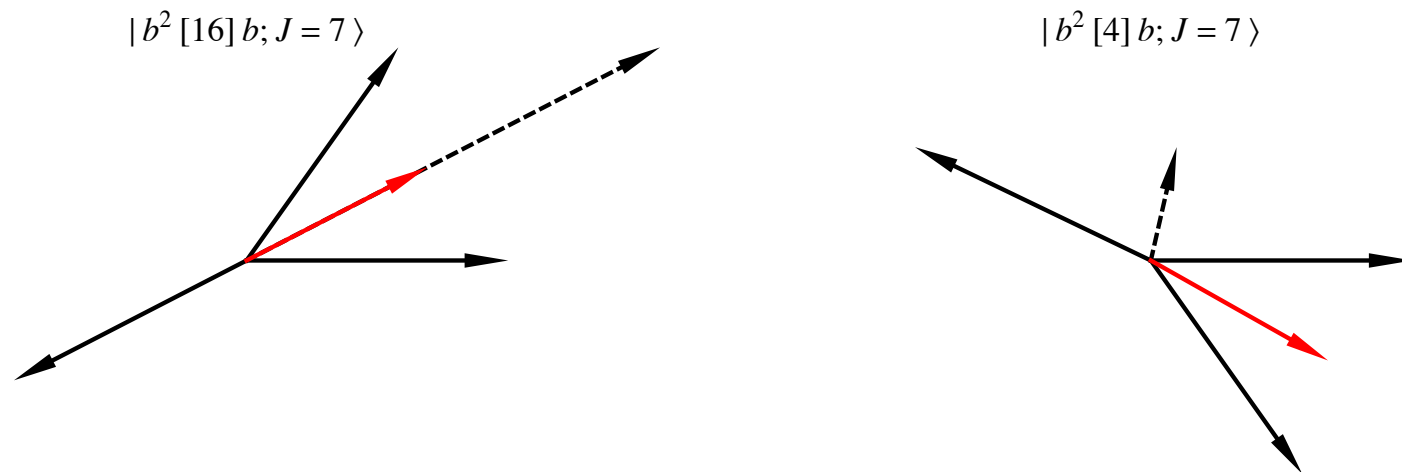


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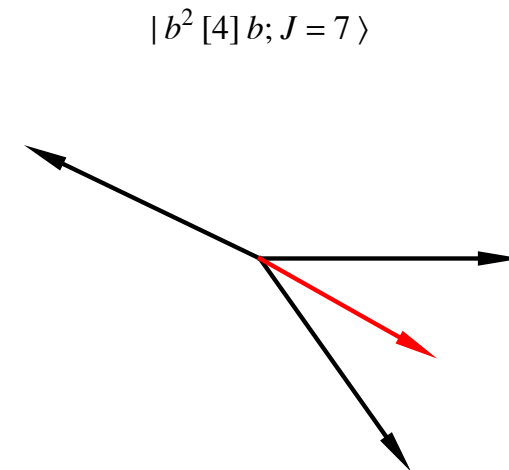
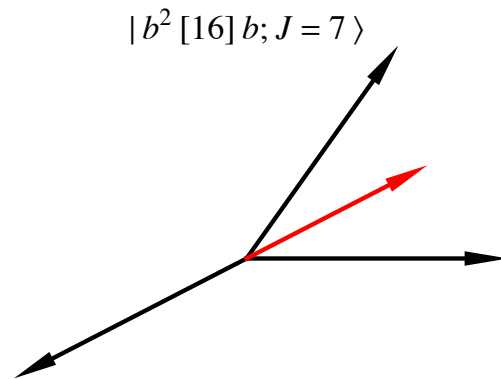
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In the  $1g_{9/2}$  nucleon-pair shell model:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle B^2[4] B; J = 7 | B^2[16] B; J = 7 \rangle \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{112919600563049280}{139849953265085321}} = 0.899 \end{aligned}$$

In the  $b$ -IBM:

$$\langle b^2[4] b; J = 7 | b^2[16] b; J = 7 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{7012200}{8733503}} = 0.896$$

$\therefore$  The  $B$  pair behaves as a boson.